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Guerrilla Movement

COMMUNIST guerrillas are operating across Latin American borders with increasing boldness.

For instance, two Guatemalan guerrillas, known by the underground names of "Tomas" and "Raul," are reported to have delivered Cuban financial aid to the Nicaraguan Sandinista movement in Managua.

Huberto Alvarado Arellano, a Guatemalan Communist leader, has been quoted by the CIA, meanwhile, as stating that "the Latin American parties are very much interested in settling their differences with the Cubans, since it appears that the Cuban Communist Party is finally lining up with the Soviets."

Both Soviet and Cuban funds are now used to finance subversion in Latin America.

Big Power Plays

A FEW weeks ago, the prime ministers of India and Pakistan sat down at a conference table and reached an agreement that could bring peace between these neighbors who have fought each other three times in the last quarter century.

Their latest war threatened to engulf the world in a larger, more terrible conflict.

A U.S. naval task force, headed by the nuclear carrier Enterprise, was detached from the Seventh Fleet and ordered to the Bay of Bengal as a "show of force:" The task force had contingency plans for a Dominican Republicatyle invasion:

The plans were disguised, as was the Dominican landing, as an "evacuation." All the while, the White House insisted America was remaining neutral.

In the meantime, the Chinese moved troops near the Indian border, and Pakistan's President Yahya Khan was quoted by the CIA as saying he had assurances the Chinese were ready to invade India.

The Russians promised India that any Chinese attack would be countered with a Soviet thrust against remote. Sinkiang province, the Chinese nuclear and rocket test area. The Russians also assured India they would use their naval forces in the Bay of Bengal to block any hostile action by the U.S. task force.

In the end, a wider conflict was avoided, not by the diplomacy or good intentions of the great powers, but by the collapse of the Pakistan army in the east.

It was a shabby chapter in the history of big-power politics. It was an even worse blot on the record of the United States, which lectures the rest of the world on democracy but supported the Pakistani military dictator.

It is interesting to note that the agreement reached at the recent summit conference between Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Pakistani President Ali Bhutto, was the result of their own efforts. They decided that the best interests

plomacy by the United-States, or Russia, or China. It was the result of the great powers at last, minding their own business.